

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 14, 2005

SENATE BILL

No. 904

Introduced by Senator Scott

February 22, 2005

An act to amend Section ~~8750 of the Government~~ 20400 of the Elections Code, relating to ~~the arts~~ elections.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 904, as amended, Scott. ~~The arts.~~ *Candidates: campaign practices.*

Existing law establishes the Code of Fair Campaign Practices for the purposes of giving voters guidelines in determining fair play and to encourage candidates to discuss issues instead of untruths or distortions. Existing law provides a form by which candidates for elective office may voluntarily subscribe to the code.

This bill would require the Secretary of State, on his or her Internet Web site, to identify candidates for state or federal offices who have voluntarily subscribed to the code, and to post the text of the code on his or her Internet Web site.

~~Existing law states the desire of the people of the state to encourage and nourish the artistic skills wherever they occur, to benefit of all. Existing law establishes an Arts Council in the state government to, among other things, encourage artistic awareness, participation, and expression.~~

~~This bill would make technical changes to this statement.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~ yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 ~~SECTION 1. Section 8750 of the Government Code is~~
2 ~~amended to read:~~

3 ~~8750. The Legislature perceives that life in California is~~
4 ~~enriched by art.~~

5 ~~The source of art is in the natural flow of the human mind.~~
6 ~~Realizing that craft and beauty are demanding, the people of the~~
7 ~~state desire to encourage and nourish the artistic skills wherever~~
8 ~~they occur, to the benefit of all.~~

9 ~~SECTION 1. Section 20400 of the Elections Code is amended~~
10 ~~to read:~~

11 20400. (a) The Legislature declares that the purpose of this
12 chapter is to encourage every candidate for public office in this
13 state to subscribe to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices.

14 (b) It is the ultimate intent of the Legislature that every
15 candidate for public office in this state who subscribes to the
16 Code of Fair Campaign Practices will follow the basic principles
17 of decency, honesty, and fair play in order that, after vigorously
18 contested; but fairly conducted campaigns, the citizens of this
19 state may exercise their constitutional right to vote, free from
20 dishonest and unethical practices ~~which~~ *that* tend to prevent the
21 full and free expression of the will of the voters.

22 (c) The purpose in creating the Code of Fair Campaign
23 Practices is to give voters guidelines in determining fair play and
24 to encourage candidates to discuss issues instead of untruths or
25 distortions.

26 (d) *To further the purposes of the Code of Fair Campaign*
27 *Practices and to encourage every candidate for public office in*
28 *this state to subscribe to it, the Secretary of State shall post a*
29 *declaration identifying all candidates for a state or federal office*
30 *who have voluntarily subscribed to the Code of Fair Campaign*
31 *Practices and the text of that code on the Secretary of State's*
32 *Internet Web site where the certified list of candidates is*
33 *displayed.*

34 (e) *A local elections official may post the information required*
35 *to be posted by the Secretary of State pursuant to subdivision (d)*
36 *on his or her jurisdiction's Internet Web site.*

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